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: AKIHIKO YUSHIYA ET AL.)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/869,480. Pursuant to § 609 of the MPEP, copies of the listed documents that were cited in the parent application have not been provided. However, Applicants will provide copies upon request.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

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The cited U.S. Applications were filed in the parent application and therefore are not enclosed herewith. However, Applicants will provide copies upon request. U.S. Patent Appln. No. 08/783,844 issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,320,681 B1 on November 20, 2001, U.S. Patent Appln. No. 08/635,195 was abandoned in favor of U.S. Appln. 08/947,330, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,783,820 on July 21, 1998, and U.S. Patent Appln. No. 08/604,926 issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,898,510 on April 27, 1999.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

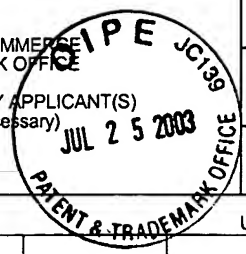


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